

**Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's Notice of Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale in
Wayne National Forest**

Dear Karen E. Mouritsen:

My name is Beatrice Bachleda and I'm a student at The Ohio State University studying Creative Writing and Environmental Science.

I have reviewed the internet-based lease-sale for parcels of land in Wayne National Forest, and hereby object to the sale put forth by the Federal government concerning over 1,600 acres of mineral rights beneath the forest. My objections refer to the 28 parcels of land attached to this letter, and I object for the reasons outlined in the remainder of this letter.

Reason #1: Unclear impacts of fracking on drinking water

While the EPA has asserted that there is no "widespread, systemic impacts" on drinking water, there are still many cases of accidental contamination of drinking water surrounding wells in many areas. This is cause for concern in quality of life for residents.

Reason #2: Impact of equipment, noise pollution, construction on wildlife and their critical habitat

The Wayne National Forest is one of the last few safe harbors for wildlife in Ohio. It is also home to specific plant species not found in equal abundance elsewhere. Destructing their habitat will lead to nuisance encounters of wildlife in residential and city areas, as well as decimating populations of species who are struggling to survive.

Reason #3: Public lands are meant for all citizens, not just oil industries, etc.

I frequent the Wayne National Forest for hiking, backpacking, camping, and other activities. It looks different each season and its beauty is unparalleled. I'm grateful that I live within driving distance of the forest because there aren't many other places I can go visit when I want to get away from the city for a little peace and quiet. I've brought my friends and family to visit as well and each time, it has always been so enjoyable.

As people migrate to Ohio, which more and more people are, energy demands will increase. That is understandable. However, there are still other alternatives to look into. Leasing out the Wayne National Forest is not an option in these alternatives. I always get a burst of happiness whenever I see that brown retro sign welcoming me to the forest. I don't want to lose that feeling, and I'm sure many other people don't either. Leasing the forest is a quick fix with permanent consequences. When all the natural gas has been extracted, and the land has been rendered useless, what purpose will it serve then? Do we want to leave a blank wasteland for our future generations? This could happen within the very next generation, where children being born right now will never have the opportunity to see the Wayne National Forest as we know it currently. This isn't a concern for people who are two, three, four generations away; this is immediate.

There are not many places like the Wayne National Forest left in Ohio. Please don't take away the few that we have right now.

Sincerely,
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LIST OF PARCELS FOR SALE IN WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST

11/5/2016

Total # of Parcels: 28

Total Acreage: 1,622.11 acres

ES-003-12/2016 OHES 058185 ACQ

Lee Township, Monroe County

Section 8, SENW, S2SWNE.

60 acres

ES-004-12/2015 OHES 058186 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 14, NESE, Pt. SESE

47.00 acres

ES-005-12/2016 OHES 058187 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 19, W2SE

79.15 acres

ES-006-12/2016 OHES 058188 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 20, S3/4 NESW

30.03 acres

ES-007-12/2016 OHES 058189 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 25

94.72 acres

ES-008-12/2016 OHES 058190 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 26, NESW, Pt. NWSW

78.25 acres

ES-009-12/2016 OHES 058191 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 27, SENW

40.00 acres

ES-010-12/2016 OHES 058192 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Section 31, NESE

38.96 acres

ES-011-12/2016 OHES 058193 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 31, SESE

38.96 acres

ES-012-12/2016 OHES 058194 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 32, Pt. W2SW

64.30 acres

ES-013-12/2016 OHES 058195 ACQ

Perry Township, Monroe County

Sec. 33, NESW

40.13 acres

ES-014-12/2016 OHES 058196 ACQ

Perry Township, Monroe County

Sec. 34, Pt. SENE

15.12 acres

ES-015-12/2016 OHES 058197 ACQ

Perry Township, Monroe County

Sec. 34, Pt. NENW

30.23 acres

ES-016-12/2016 OHES 058198 ACQ

Perry Township, Monroe County

Sec. 34, Pt. NWNW

22.14 acres

ES-017-12/2016 OHES 058199 ACQ

Perry Township, Monroe County

Sec. 35, Pt. SENSWSWE

30.64 acres

ES-018-12/2016 OHES 058200 ACQ

Perry Township, Monroe County

Sec. 35, Pt. W2SWSW

0.86 acres

ES-019-12/2016 OHES 058201 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 19, Pt. SW, Pt. NW

73.25 acres

ES-020-12/2016 OHES 058202 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 15, Pt. SWNE

2.53 acres

ES-021-12/2016 OHES 058203 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 20, NENE

40.08 acres

ES-022-12/2016 OHES 058204 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 20, NENW

40.00 acres

ES-023-12/2016 OHES 058205 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 20, NWNE

40.00 acres

ES-024-12/2016 OHES 058206 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 21, S2SE, E2SW

157.44 acres

ES-025-12/2016 OHES 058207 ACQ

Perry Township, Monroe County

Sec. 34, NESESE

10.16 acres

ES-026-12/2016 OHES 058208 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 30, SESE

39.98 acres

ES-027-12/2016 OHES 058209 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 30, Pt. N2SE

64.72 acres

ES-028-12/2016 OHES 058210 ACQ

Jackson Township, Monroe County

Sec. 36, SESW, Pt. W2SW
39.65 acres

ES-029-12/2016 OHES 058211 ACQ
Jackson Township, Monroe County
Sec. 36, NENE
40.22 acres

ES-030-12/2016 OHES 058212 ACQ
Perry Township, Monroe County
Sec. 3, Pt. N2SE
28.00 acres

ES-031-12/2016 OHES 058213 ACQ
Perry Township, Monroe County
Sec. 6, Pt. NE
56.00 acres

ES-032-12/2016 OHES 058214 ACQ
Green Township, Monroe County
Sec. 1, SWSW, Sec. 7, N2SE, SESE
158.62 acres

ES-033-12/2016 OHES 058215 ACQ
Washington Township, Monroe County
Sec. 18 Pt. W2NE, Pt. NW
58.14 acres

ES-034-12/2016 OHES 058216 ACQ
Wayne Township, Monroe County
Sec. 3, NWNW
40.24 acres

ES-035-12/2016 OHES 058217 ACQ
Liberty Township, Monroe County
Sec. 29, Pt. S2SESE
1.17 acres

ES-030-12/2016 OHES 058212 ACQ
Perry Township, Monroe County
Sec. 3, Pt. N2SE
28.00 acres